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SUBJECT: STRIKE AT FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK-MAROC

REF: CASABLANCA 326

1. SUMMARY: STRIKING EMPLOYEE OF FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK -MAROC RETURNED TO WORK MAY 2, AFTER FNCB MANAGEMENT MET MOST OF THEIR DEMANDS. ALTHOUGH LOCAL MANAGEMENT STILL VERY MUCH IN DARK THERE ARE GROWING INDICATIONS THAT FNCB WILL WITHDRAW FROM MOROCCO. END SUMMARY.

2. EMPLOYEES OF FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK-MAROC, ON STRIKE SINCE APRIL 21, RETURNED TO WORK MAY 2. UNION-MANAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS (ARRANGED THROUGH GOOD OFFICES OF CONGEN), WERE HELD AT BANKER'S ASSOCIATION APRIL 30 AND PROCEEDED QUICKLY WITH COMPARATIVELY LITTLE FRICTION. MANAGEMENT ACCEDED TO MOST DEMANDS, BUT OBTAINED UNION AGREEMENT ON DH 750,000 (APPROX. DOLS 187,500) TOTAL CEILING ON EMPLOYEE HOUSING LOANS. UNION MODIFIED ITS DEMAND THAT COMMITTEE OF EMPLOYEES DETERMINE SALARIES, AND BANK AGREED TO PAY SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES FOR PERIOD R STRIKE.

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3. AS MENTIONED REFTTEL, STRIKE WAS UNUSUALLY LONG BY LOCAL STANDARDS. WHILE FNCB'S LOCAL MANAGEMENT SUSPECTS STRIKE MAY HAVE BEEN SOMEHOW ENCOURAGED BY ONE OR MORE LOCAL BANKS, NEITHER THEY NOR WE HAVE ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

4. DQG TO MOROCCANIZATION DIFFICULTIES IT NOW SEEMS INCREASINGLY LIKELY THAT FNCB WILL CLOSE ITS CASABLANCA AND RABAT BRANCHES.
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